

Great Life Work of Judge Jno. C. Ferriss

Of a sunny morning there may be seen making his way to certain portions of Pensacola water-front where the sheephead are known to bite well at a choice oyster bait, an old gentleman with a clean cut and determined, though benevolent face, with a fish line in his hand and an air of concentrated energy but at the same time of repose and restfulness about him that would attract attention anywhere.

After an hour or so spent at his favorite fishing place, this same gentleman may be seen returning up town, and as a testimonial to his success as a fisherman he usually carries a fine string of sheephead or other varieties of piscatorial trophies to be served at his table or given away to friends whom he meets on the road home.

This gentleman is Judge Jno. C. Ferriss, of Nashville, Tenn., who spends his winters in Pensacola, and sometimes a few weeks during the summer as the guest of his son, W. B. Ferriss, of this city.

Judge Ferriss is a unique character and at his home in Tennessee he is known from one end of the state to the other, where he has been engaged for over 30 years in the work of finding homes for neglected and homeless waifs who would otherwise be thrown into the poor houses and later turned out upon the world to shift for themselves with every prospect of failure, and ruin to face them.

A Journal representative hunted Judge Ferriss up last week and learned from his own lips something of the great work which he has been carrying on for a third of a century.

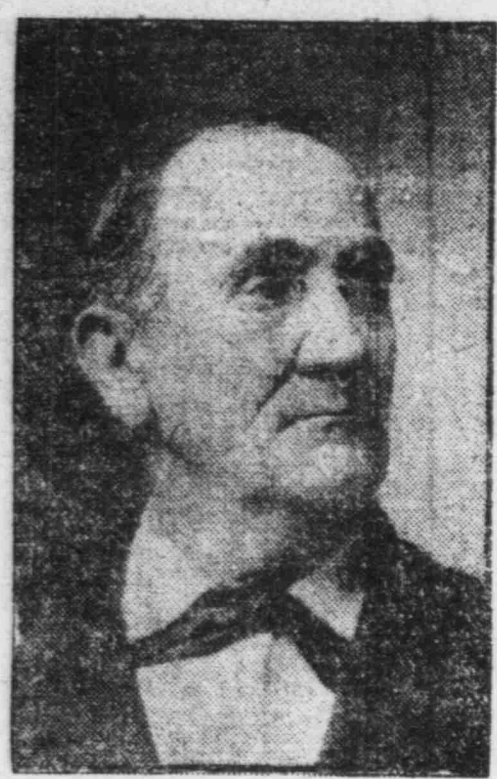
"In 1872," said Judge Ferriss, "in reply to the inquiry, 'I was elected judge of the probate and county court of Davison county, Tenn., and I held the office for 22 years. It is the county judge's duty to look after the charges consigned to the poor house and in that connection I found a great many neglected, helpless, and homeless children who needed protection and care.

"Instead of simply turning these children over to the poor house authorities, I commenced to advertise for homes for them with the result that a good many were placed in comfortable homes during the first year.

"The superintendent of the Louisville house of refuge, having heard of my work, invited me to make an address at the Charity Conference of the United States in that city, and I did so, outlining my plan for saving the homeless children that are annually cast out upon the world. The address created somewhat of a stir and the conference immediately took up the work, with the result that the plan is now in operation in a great many different states.

"I soon found that some other place than the county poor house was necessary as a temporary abode for these unfortunate, or until they could be placed in homes, and I established a place of my own for them and it is still known as 'Ferriss's Nursery.'

"This 'Nursery' is in charge of a matron and what nurses are necessary and children from all parts of Tennessee are secured, their natures and



JUDGE JNO. C. FERRISS.

conditions are studied, and as fast as we have suitable applications they are placed in homes. Either myself or one of the matrons visits the poor houses in the state and gets the children where the authorities neglect to send them to me.

"A record book is kept in which is recorded all that we know of a child's origin and circumstances, together with the names and residence of the persons to whom it is given when placed in a home. We also keep an application book in which is recorded the names of all applicants for children, with a note as to their preferences, and as fast as the desired kind of children are secured this list is referred to and the applicants are invited to call and make their selection.

"People who are not satisfied with a child can, within 90 days, return it, but very few of them ever express any dissatisfaction. If a child is mistreated in any way, I am sure to hear

of it, and I at once go after the little one and take it back to the 'Nursery.' It is a peculiar fact, but nevertheless true, that wherever a child of that kind is mistreated, some one is sure to report it.

"During my 33 years in the work, I have placed over 3,000 children in homes. In 1903 the number was 204 and last year it was 131. With a very few exceptions all of these children have turned out well; in fact not more than seven or eight out of the whole number have turned out badly.

"The boys have developed into successful farmers, lawyers, physicians, railroad men, mechanics, and leaders in various other callings and the girls have become good wives and mothers. One of my boys now owns a \$25,000 farm, a milling business and a big store, and several others have become very wealthy.

"The average age at which these children come to me is from three to seven years, though some come much younger, and nothing gives me more pleasure than to see them grow up into good men and women. Many of them now write to me regularly and others come to see me when they are in 'my city.' It is a labor of love with me, and I never expect to give it up while I live."

Judge Ferriss was asked as to the source of the money necessary to conduct his "Nursery," and he replied that he received absolutely nothing for his own work. The necessary expenses are met by private contributions and by appropriations of from \$10 to \$20 which each county makes for every child which it sends to him. Many contributions come from charitable inclined people from all over the United States and others come from the men and women themselves whom Judge Ferriss rescued when children and placed in homes from which they have secured a start in life.

"Sometimes the place about pays expenses and sometimes it is a little behind," said Judge Ferriss, "but the work goes on just the same."

Judge Ferriss has a face on which benevolence and determination are both written in the strongest of lines. He has a kindly, frank expression which is irresistible when conversing with a friend, and there is a set, bulldog appearance about the lower jaw that indicates a master will and an undetermined determination to carry his point when he once gets started. Although 67 years old, his step is almost as elastic as that of a boy, and his clear eye and animated speech denote the full possession of mental faculties that are as active now as when he began his great work of saving homeless boys and girls a third of a century ago.

What is a Backache?

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No other medicine holds such a record of cures of female ills as does Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. No other person can give such helpful advice to women who are sick as can Mrs. Pinkham, for none have had such a great experience. Her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice free.

an annuity, "just to beat bad luck," as he stated to some friends at the time.

He never married and his affection seemed centered on his mother, on whom he lavished every comfort. Smith's thorough and careful study of every detail connected with the racing game, his rare judgment and the absolute control he had of himself at all times, were responsible for the success of his speculative ventures.

Interesting Horse Notes.

The latest harness horse trainer to desert the trotters for the runners is Tom Price, of Lexington, who raced Neva Simmons and others successfully during recent campaigns.

"While I like the trotting game," said Price recently, "I am satisfied that there is less real hard work for a trainer with the runners, while the compensation and chances for making a big coup are far better with the bangtails than with the harness horses."

Among the ex-trotting horse trainers that have acquired fame and wealth with the runners are John E. Madden, Crit Davis, Ed Corrigan, Charley Hughes, Johnny Campbell, W. H. Snyder and others, while Geo. Spear, Lee Danby and Clem Beachy, Jr., will make the change this season."

Now that Lou Dillon and Major Deimar have both taken records faster than two minutes at the trot, a few facts relative to the first trotter to beat the standard time of 2:30 are of interest. This distinction is credited that grand old race mare, Lady Suffolk, the gray daughter of Engineer. Lady Suffolk was campaigned for 15 years, starting in 1861 races, of which she won 88, and earning about \$40,000.

She commenced her racing career in 1838, at Babylon, L. I., winning a race to saddle in 3:01 and being awarded the magnificent purse of \$10. Her fastest mile that year was trotted in 2:49 at Beacon Course, N. J.

The next season she reduced her record to 2:45 in harness, while in 1841 she took a record of 2:32 to saddle, cutting this to 2:26½ in 1843, at the same way of trotting. After all of the best trotters had endeavored to trot in 2:30 and failed, Lady Suffolk was advertised to make an attempt to accomplish this feat, and started against the watch on October 13, 1845, over the Beacon Course, Hoboken, N. J., reducing the record to 2:24½. This record stood for four years, until reduced to 2:28 by the converted pacer, Pelham.

Lady Suffolk was without a doubt the fastest trotter and most consistent race mare of her time. She was raced up to 1853, at which time she was sold to D. Edgar Hill, of Bridgeport, Conn., dying at his place on March 7, 1854.

Many a "hard luck story" is being told by trainers and drivers who raced down the grand circuit in 1934, and the hair-breath escapes from winning the big end of the rich purses that some of them tell about really seem to have some foundation, as a glance over the statistics for the past season's racing shows. While Ed Geers won 28 races on the grand circuit last year, he had to be content with second money on 13 other occasions.

The champion second money winner is Charley DeRyder, who raced for the East View Farm stable. DeRyder was awarded first money in 14 races, but finished second in 20, losing the big end of the purse by a scant head fully half a dozen times.

W. L. Snow is tied with Geers for second money honors, having won 15 races and finished second in 18 others. Bert Shanks, of Cleveland, won 13 second moneys. Al Thomas 12 and Scott Hudson 10.

COTTAGE HILL PLANTING PEACHES

NEWS AND PERSONALS FROM THE THRIVING LITTLE COMMUNITY OF COTTAGE HILL.

Cottage Hill, Feb. 11.—Mr. Reeves is having some friends visit him from his old home in Indiana.

On the public road near Quintette a fill which was lately made by the convicts is now impassable as per result of the recent heavy rains, several vehicles having been swamped there.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters are entertaining friends from Pensacola and Iowa. Judge Levy's court was quite busy all day yesterday—something rather unusual, as everything had been unusually quiet for several weeks.

A good many peach trees are being set out here this winter. One tract of thirty acres will be finished up in a few days.

Mrs. Lemons and two sons came on Wednesday from Indiana to join her husband and son who have been here for a month. They will live on the "Wineford" place now owned by Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Charles Stahl is on the sick list for a few days, suffering from asthma, the disagreeable weather we have been having aggravating the disease to which he has been subject for years.

SOCIETY NEWS AND DOINGS AT PINE BARREN.

Pine Barren, Feb. 11.—Z. T. Williams visited Roberts and Pensacola last Sunday.

Wm. Regar, of the Nicholson Lumber and Stave Co., paid a business visit to Mobile this week.

B. Jernigan spent several days in Pollard, returning home Thursday. We are glad to hear that his little daughter is improving.

Miss Willie Barkley, after several days' visit to Miss Beula Barrow, returned last Sunday to her home in Pensacola.

W. A. Finlay paid a visit up the road Sunday.

E. V. McCaskill, father of our popular railroad agent, visited here this week.

Mrs. A. V. Hazel, of Pensacola, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Sweeney.

Mr. Perkins, of Chumuckla, has accepted a position as clerk in the McMillan Mill Company's store here.

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It needs but a few months' more use of Stearns' Electric Rat and Roach Paste to completely free the city from the rats and mice with which it was afflicted a year ago. Stearns' Paste has been used quite freely in the best residences and in many stores. In all these places there are to-day no rats, mice or cockroaches. This Paste drives the rats and mice out of the house to die, and can be depended upon to rid the home of these pests. It is sure death and gives universal satisfaction. Druggists generally have the Paste for sale, or it will be sent, express prepaid on receipt of price, by the Stearns' Electric Paste Co., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A. Small size, 25c. Hotel size, eight times the quantity, \$1.00.

ESCAMBIA RIFLES.

To All Members Co. I, 1st Regt. Infantry, F. S. A. Headquarters Escambia Rifles, Company I, First Regiment Infantry, Florida State Troops.

You are hereby commanded to assemble in blue uniform at Armory Monday, February 13, 1905, at 7:30 p. m. for inspection by Adjutant-General Foster and Col. S. T. Novell, U. S. A., retired. Herein fail not under penalty of the law. By order.

CAPT. J. R. LANDRUM

S. S. LIGHTMAN, First Sergeant.

Some Virtues of Louis XIV.

One need not overlook the enormous shortcomings of Louis XIV. as a man and as a king to admit that in some important respects he "tried to do his duty." He was a hardworking sovereign both in the sphere of administration and in that of social sphere which was, to his mind, no less important. So courteous that he never passed the poorest woman about the palace without lifting his hat, he carried polite consideration to the level of a fine art. In the way of courteous speech there are few things nobler than his remark to the great Conde as the old hero was slowly ascending the great marble staircase at Versailles. Conde apologized for being so long in mounting the steps, at the top of which the king stood waiting. "Ah, cousin," Louis replied, "one moves slowly when one is laden with laurels!"—Longman's Magazine.

THE DOCTORS AGREE.

Two Physicians Both Agree on the New Scientific Dandruff Treatment. Dr. J. M. Powell, of Spokane, Wash., says: "Herpicide has given good satisfaction in my family for dandruff."

Dr. W. G. Alban, of Walla Walla, Wash., says: "I find Herpicide all that is claimed for it as a dandruff cure. I shall prescribe it." Dandruff is a germ disease and you can't cure it unless you kill the dandruff germ; and you can't do that unless you use Herpicide. Herpicide is the only preparation in the world that destroys the parasites. A delightful hair dressing; allays itching instantly; makes hair glossy and soft as silk. It is a sure dandruff destroyer. Sold by leading druggists. For sale by W. A. D'Alemberte, druggist and apothecary, 121 S. Palafox. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Company, Detroit, Mich.

SPORTING NEWS AND COMMENT FROM HERE AND ELSEWHERE

RESUME OF DOINGS IN SPORTING CIRCLES IN PENSACOLA AND ELSEWHERE—THE LAUNCH RACE ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

"Cupid-Freddie" Race. As the time for the race between the launches "Cupid" and "Freddie" draws near an unusual amount of excitement has been created among the lovers of a good boat race.

The \$800 purse has been put up in the hands of the McKemie Oertling Co., and several smaller wagers have been made on the side.

One bet recorded yesterday was between Capt. Bennie Edmundson, the owner of the "Cupid" and William Dunham of fifty dollars a side. The money has been deposited with John Cristie.

As a great many people have signified their intentions of wanting an opportunity of witnessing the race, there is some talk of engaging a large and commodious passenger steamer to come from Mobile so as to enable all who desire to follow the racers over the course an opportunity to do so.

If this boat is engaged together with the large force of pleasure craft in the bay, and the weather is fine, a good time will be afforded all who wish to witness the race and will present a regular international yacht race aspect.

Because of illness Charles S. Bush has retired from active management of the Crescent City Jockey Club, which operates the old track at New Orleans. P. A. Renand has been elected to succeed Mr. Bush.

American Turf Association. The delegates of the racing organization in opposition to the Western Jockey Club, met in New Orleans and completed the organization of the American Turf Association. The only business transacted was the election of officers. Matt J. Winn of the Louisville Jockey Club was elected president; Edward Corrigan, representing the Chicago Jockey Club (Hawthorne) and the Kansas City Jockey Club,

was elected vice-president, and W. J. O'Brien of the Worth Jockey Club of Chicago was elected treasurer. Thos. O. Cromwell, a Chicago newspaper man, will, it is said be tendered the secretaryship.

Dates were not allotted to any tracks before adjournment it was agreed that the title of the organization should be known as the American Turf Association, and not as the American Jockey Club, as first announced. The change is due to the fact that there is at present an American Jockey Club in existence. Ten racetracks or jockey clubs were represented at the meeting.

The National League. A radical departure has been made in the management of the Boston National League nine, where a player for the first time is to assume the responsibility of conducting a championship campaign. Fred Tenney, the clever first baseman, will handle the team on the field, and W. H. Rogers will have charge of the financial interests.

Harry McCormick, who played a part of last season with the New York National League club and later went with the Pittsburghs, has announced that he will play no more baseball. He has accepted a position with the United States Steel Corporation and will devote his time to business. McCormick became a member of the Philadelphia club through a deal at the end of the season.

Mr. Keene's Stables. This year's stable of thoroughbreds which will be campaigned by James R. Keene, looks on paper, a very formidable one, which is usual with this always consistent, powerful and successful establishment. The older horses and forty two-year-olds will do battle for the popular "white, blue spots," which have been before the public of three countries since 1879.

Some idea of the cost of a first class stable such as Mr. Keene maintains can be gleaned from the fact that it is necessary to employ two trainers, several jockeys and to incur a list of forfeits large enough to appal the average man. At the end of the season the stable winnings must be large or the expenses will exceed the earnings.

For the first time the get of the famous Commando and Voter will be seen this year, while the tried stallions St. Leonards Kingston, Horoscope and Ben Brush are all well represented. The nomenclature of the Keene two-year-olds is up to its usual excellence.

Pittsburg Phil's Death. The death of George E. Smith, better known as "Pittsburg Phil," occurred at a sanitarium at Asheville, N. C., the famous turf speculator, being 44 at the time of his death. The career of "Pittsburg Phil" marks him as one of the most unique characters ever seen on the running turf. Of German parentage he began life in a cork manufacturing establishment near Pittsburg at a salary of \$10 per week.

Many of the young men employed at this factory played the races. Smith caught the fever. His first wager was on a combination and brought him \$73 for a \$1 investment. This did not cause him to lose the caution which never marked his movements. His next bet was placed a few days later; and he again won, and in a few weeks he was making a handbook among his fellow employees, having a bank roll of \$10,000 in a few months as a result of his skillful and fortunate manipulations.

Smith went to Chicago and his luck followed him, it being in that city that he was given the sobriquet which stuck to him through life. He remained in Chicago until the early '70s, and when he decided to establish himself in New York he had amassed a fortune of several hundred thousand dollars.

Although Smith's operations were generally marked by steady, painful betting, he occasionally pulled off a big coup, among the most famous of these being his winning of \$50,000 on King Cadmus, a horse owned by himself.

Smith's estate is estimated at fully \$1,000,000, mostly invested in real estate and dividend-paying bonds. Some years ago he invested \$150,000 in an

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Earthen Tea Pots, 20, 25, 35 and 50 cents.
Counter Books 5 cents.

Canvass Backs 25 cents.
Ledge going at 15 cents.
Oil Cooking Stoves, 65c, \$1.25 and \$1.75.
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Single Book-Straps, 5 and 10 cents.
Four-Leg Sewing Tables going at \$1.00.
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